

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed September 26, 2003 has been carefully considered by applicant.

Submitted herewith is amended Drawing Figure 1B. The amended drawing figure is believed to comply with the Examiner's requirements. No new matter has been added.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Bouilloux et al U.S. Patent No. 5,056,549. Claims 2, 3 and 5 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bouilloux et al in view of Neuzeret et al U.S. Patent No. 4,478,236.

Claim 7 has been allowed.

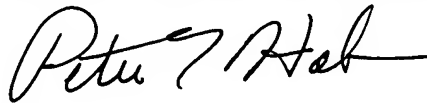
By the present amendment, applicant has canceled claim 1 and amended claims 2-6 and 8. Claims 2-6 and 8 now depend directly or indirectly from allowed claim 7. As such, claims 2-6 and 8 are believed allowable. The outstanding substantive rejections are rendered moot.

Claim 3 has also been amended to correct a spelling mistake. No new matter has been added.

The present application is thus believed in condition for allowance with claims 2-8. Such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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